

state that two submarines were sunk by destroyers and that only one was seen speeding toward Coxhaven after the fight.

The story of the survivors indicate that the British ships were taken completely by surprise. Some of the men declared that when the Aboukir blew up and went to the bottom it was believed she had struck a mine. The Hogue and Cressy immediately lowered their boats and not until they were hit was it realized that the vessels were facing a submarine attack, as no enemy was visible. The Hogue and Cressy were torpedoed three times within an hour and finally foundered as had the Aboukir.

Although no official list of survivors has yet been received it is estimated that about 700 officers and men of the three cruisers were saved. This would make the number lost about 1,500.

Demands for speedy vengeance on the Germans are voiced in most of the newspapers today. It is suggested that while England has many times as many submarines as have the Germans, they have yet failed to demonstrate their worth and as a result of the agitation now going on in every part of England it is believed these craft will now make an attempt to even the score.

It is apparently established that the disaster took place only a short distance from the Hook of Holland, as many of the survivors have been landed at Muiden, Holland, for transshipment to England. Reports are in circulation that other British craft were damaged at this same time, but there is no confirmation.

London.—Nine miles of trenches filled with unburied dead were the fruits of yesterday's fighting by the British troops now making up the allied left wing.

They were taken, according to reports received from several sources unofficial, but well authenticated, in a successful turning movement be-

tween the district just south of St. Quentin and Perennes.

For hours before the British charged the line the British artillery shelled the German position. From aeroplanes that flew low, defying the hail of German bullets, the range was given and the shells burst like deadly hail directly over the tops of the great line of parallel trenches jammed with German troops waiting for orders to charge the British line. Twice they tried to do so, but had to crawl back. When the British finally charged there was hardly a single unscarred German left in the lines. Thousands were dead. The wounded and the dead were so mixed it was hard to rescue those who yet had chance to recover.

It is believed as a result of this latest success that the British will now be able to push the Germans entirely from the neighborhood of St. Quentin and re-occupy that village.

London.—News agency dispatch from Amsterdam says bomb was dropped on Maastricht, Holland, by an aviator, the nationality of whose aeroplane could not be discovered. No one was killed and little damage done, but violation of Holland's neutrality is regarded as serious development.

Berlin.—In announcing the successful exploit of the German submarines which sank three British cruisers, the official war office bulletin makes no mention of any German casualties. Believed to indicate that the submarines successfully returned to their base undamaged. Announcement of the successful raid has greatly cheered Berlin. On all sides it is pointed out as an excellent revenge for the British operations against the patrol cruiser at Heligoland.

—o—o—o— QUICK LUNCH TALK

Guest—I'd like two eggs boiled three minutes.

Host—Drown two! Give 'em an easy death.